

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

TAKESHITA et al.

Art Unit: 1651

Application No.: 10/791,853

Examiner: Irene MARX

Filing Date: March 4, 2004

Attorney Ref. No.: US-163

For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING  
ALCOHOL BY USING  
MICROORGANISM

Confirmation No.: 5567

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 CFR §1.114**

**Mail Stop RCE**

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application. The following are submitted:

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. 1.114:
  - a. ☒ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
    - i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
    - ii. ☒ Other Amendment and Response filed on February 13, 2008
  - b. ☒ Enclosed
    - i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
    - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
    - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement
    - iv. ☒ Other Petition for Extension of Time and Request for Interview
2. Miscellaneous
  - a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Periods of suspension shall not exceed 3 months. Fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(i) required).
  - b. ☐ Other

3. Fees -- The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
- a. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No.
- i. ☐ The RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$            enclosed
- c. ☒ Direct payment through EFS-RAM

Respectfully submitted,

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